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# Statues of Abraham Lincoln

George J. Haller

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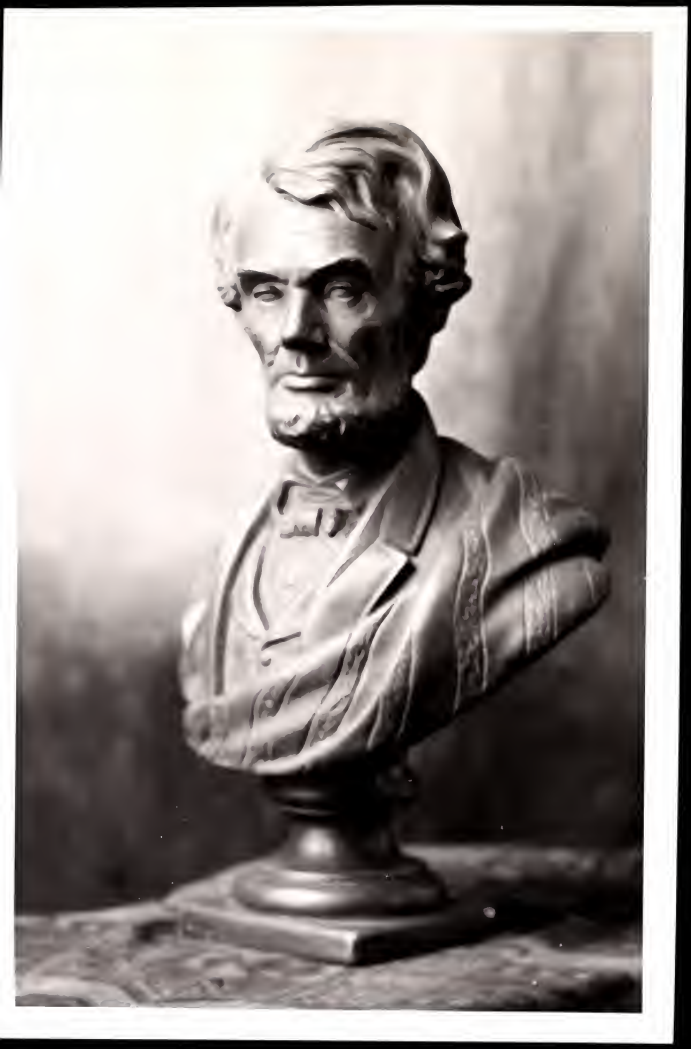
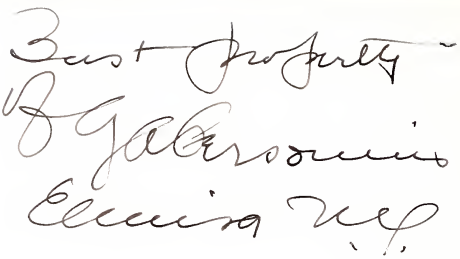


Best Regards
Gabriel
Elmira N.Y.



G. A. PERSONIUS
Photographer
BALDWIN ST. NEAR CHURCH ST.
ELMIRA, NEW YORK

June 16, 1945

Dr. Louis A Warren,
Lincoln Life Foundation,
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Dear Dr. Warren;

Dr. Rufus Wilson, Elmirian Lincoln Historian suggested that I write you concerning bust of Lincoln, in my possesion, made in June 1865 by George J Haller of Buffalo, N.Y.

This bust has 8½ inch head and entire height 22 inches. Have had bust thirty-five years.

It is for sale, are you interested? Photographs enclosed.

Sincerely,

G.A.PERSONIUS.

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June 21, 1945

Mr. G. A. Personius
Baldwin St. near Church St.
Elmira, New York

My dear Mr. Personius:

Thank you for forwarding the picture of the bust of Lincoln which you have for sale, although you did not state of what the bust is made. We assume that it is bronze, if it is plastic, of course, there is much difference in value, and it rather appears that there are two or three imperfections.

Please place your price upon it and we will then advise you whether or not we are interested in its purchase.

Very truly yours,

LAW:MB

Director

G. A. PERSONIUS
Photographer
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July 3, 1945

Lincoln National Life Foundation
Fort Wayne, Ind.

Att: Louis A. Warren:

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of June 21, re Lincoln bust, will say the bust is plaster; is free from defects except slight speck on nose (see photograph) this can be easily repaired. This is the only defect on bust proper. According to sculptors inscription, this bust is eighty years old this month, and during an eighty year period something happens to everything.

Underneath front and back there is a crack. This because of a break, occasioned 30 years ago. (You see, I was kind enough to loan bust to a local merchant for Lincoln Day disply and something happened.)

Let me say, that even tho bust is displayed so that head is six feet from floor, this defect is not discernable.

The bust is of slate color that resembles stone. It has a finish so cleaning is not hard to do.

I will sell this bust for $50. If you wish, I will take and send additional photographs.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE A PERSONIUS

GAP:bos

July 13, 1945

Mr. G. A. Personius
Baldwin St. near Church St.
Elmira, New York

My dear Mr. Personius:

Thank you very much for your prompt reply to my inquiry about further information with respect to the Lincoln bust. While it appears to be a nice item, inasmuch as it is in plastic, I do not think we would care to acquire it.

Very truly yours,

Director

LAW:CKS
L.A.Warren

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